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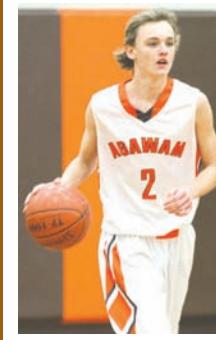
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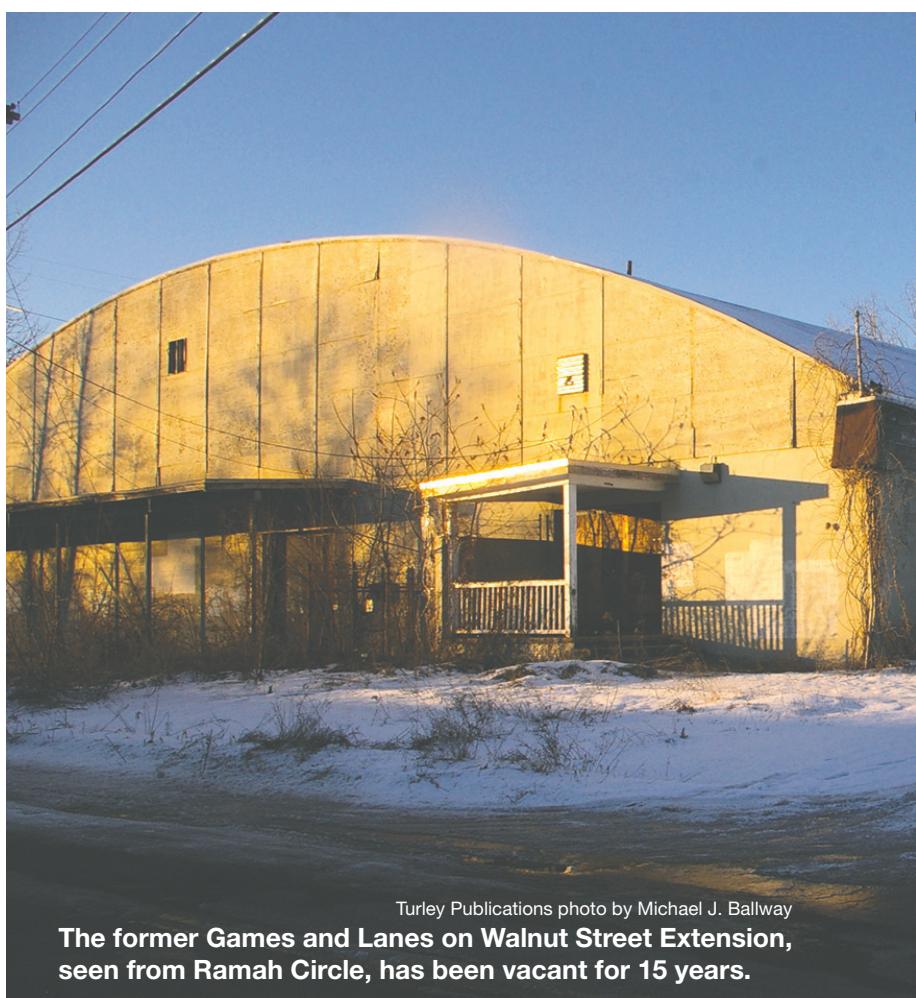


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The former Games and Lanes on Walnut Street Extension, seen from Ramah Circle, has been vacant for 15 years.

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Games over?

Potential buyer in talks for eyesore property

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Eight months after the town announced a buyer for the eyesore Games and Lanes property, the town last week announced ... a potential buyer for the eyesore Games and Lanes property.

Earlier this month, City Councilor Anthony Suffriti called for the council to kickstart efforts to redevelop the Walnut Street Extension property, a former entertainment center that's been vacant for more than a decade and has fallen into disrepair. He said at the Jan. 5 council meeting that he was spurred by an Agawam Advertiser News article noting that despite a potential buyer's interest in April 2014, the property remains unsold.

"When we approved the zone

change eight months ago," said Suffriti, "we were looking for Mr. (Scott) Petlock to follow through and buy the Games and Lanes property and clean it up. What I am looking for to happen is for the Agawam City Council took look into whatever it may have the power to do in its jurisdiction to remedy the environmental issues on the property."

Upon hearing Suffriti's comments at the council meeting, Mayor Richard Cohen issued a memorandum to City Council President Christopher Johnson, informing him and the rest of the councilors that the administration is still actively seeking a resolution to Games and Lanes, and there may be a buyer for the property.

"The town has hosted a meeting with the remediation company and a

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Benefit planned for town official

Supper to aid health board's Euliano in fight against two forms of cancer

By Mike Lydick
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Longtime town official Bill Euliano is simultaneously fighting two forms of cancer.

He's also facing some extra costs associated with the treatment he has been undergoing. That's why his friends have pitched in to organize a benefit supper for Euliano on Thursday, Jan. 22.

Euliano, who currently serves as chairman of the town's Board of Health, recently was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer and leukemia. A pasta and meatball supper will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 4061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. The cost of the supper is \$15. The entire amount will be donated to Euliano.

"This is a very tough time for Bill. He's one of the longest serving town officials — Bill's been chair of the board of health for more than 30 years — and he's dedicated much time to helping our town."

Anthony Bonavita,
local attorney and
school committee member

Euliano began chemotherapy at the D'Amour Center for Cancer Care in Springfield two months ago and likely will continue his treatment for about four more months.

"How long he will continue chemotherapy all depends on how well Bill responds to the treatment," said Bonavita.

Once his current round of treat-

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Inspiring survivor to kick off Relay Fundraising begins next week for annual event in May

By Mike Lydick
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After surviving Hodgkin's disease and suffering a serious illness doctors feared was pancreatic cancer, Patti Phillips rebounded with a smile on her face and an "attitude of gratitude" for life, family, and friends.

Now a staunch advocate for raising funds to help find a cure for cancer, Phillips, 69, was among the first to register for the Relay for Life of Agawam when it launched in 2012. Her team — made up of friends and family and called Attitude of Gratitude — has participated in the annual Relay ever since.

Phillips will share her experience as a cancer survivor and as a Relay participant when she helps kick off the American Cancer Society's (ACS) 2015 Relay in Agawam on Thursday, Jan. 22. She will be the survivor speaker during the two-hour event that begins at 6 p.m. in the new Agawam YMCA Wellness and Program Family Center at 65 Springfield St.

This will mark the official start of fundraising efforts for the Relay to be held in May. Phillips will be



Patti Phillips.

joined by other cancer survivors, caregivers and Relay team members from Agawam and surrounding communities who will renew efforts to find a cure for cancer.

"I survived Hodgkin's disease 43 years ago. Eight years ago, I became seriously ill with what doctors suspected was pancreatic cancer," said Phillips, a Southwick resident. "But after undergoing a very invasive operation, it was determined I was cancer-free."

Her illnesses gave Phillips a strong desire to spread her positive attitude for life and turn her feelings into action. As a cancer survivor, she said it's very important to her to raise funds to help end cancer.

"I want others to have the same opportunity to live life to the fullest. I also want them to know that cancer is survivable — especially if diagnosed early. That's the message I want to deliver," added Phillips.

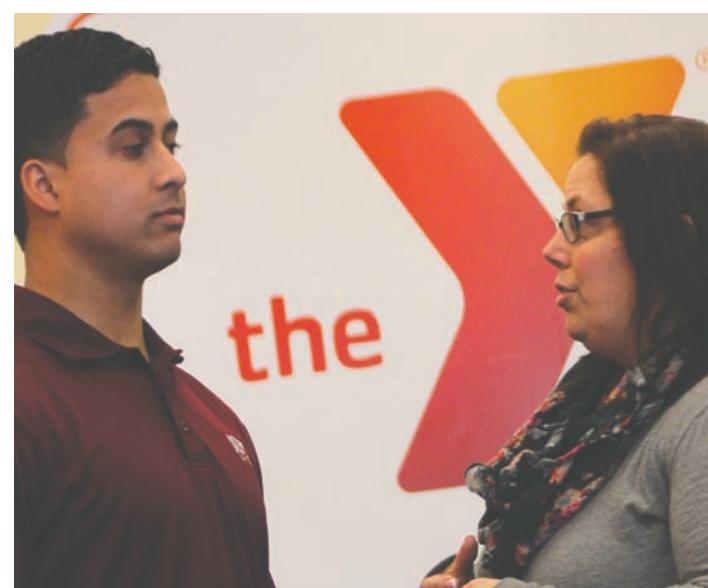
Building hope, celebrating life

Janine Iacolo, who serves as chairperson of the Relay for the fourth year, said cancer survivors like Phillips build hope for others in their battles with cancer.

"Relay events honor survivors like Patti who are celebrating life after cancer," said Iacolo. "Patti's story can inspire others whose lives have been touched by cancer."

Iacolo said the Relay's fundraising goal for 2015 is \$85,000.

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Turley Publications photos by Mike Lydick
Janine Iacolo, chairperson of the Relay for Life of Agawam, discusses plans for the Relay's kickoff event with Andrew Melendez, executive director of the Agawam YMCA Wellness & Program Family Center.



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BOLDYGAS IN BOSTON



Submitted photo

State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, brought his family to work on Jan. 8 for the inauguration of Gov. Charlie Baker. Pictured at the Statehouse swearing-in ceremony are Boldyga with his wife Jess, son Greyson and daughter Avery. Boldyga was re-elected in November to represent Agawam, Southwick and Granville in the state House of Representatives.



Submitted photo

Students from the Mary Ann Studio of Dance showed their support for the Springfield Boys & Girls Club by performing at the Festival of Trees held in Springfield recently.

Mary Ann dancers continue tradition of giving back

Nothing stops the Mary Ann Studio of Dance from bringing joy to others, even if it means adding events to their calendar during the busy holiday season. It all began with the Santa Parade at the Eastfield Mall, followed by marching in the Spirit of Springfield Balloon Parade and ending with a performance at the Springfield Boys & Girls Club Festival of Trees.

Many family and friends came to see the

dancers perform that day, which was followed by a visit to the trees and a visit with Santa. Not only do the dancers perform at the event, but the studio has also donated a tree to the cause every year for the past 14 years.

The Mary Ann dancers are already looking forward to their next performance when they will entertain the residents at Quail Run Estates and their guests for Valentine's Day.

New members invited to AJWC meeting

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club will be holding its next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. The installation of new officers will highlight the first meeting of 2015.

Any women who are interested in serving the community are welcome to attend. This year, the AJWC is celebrating 58 years of volunteer service in the community. The club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the largest female volunteer organizations in the world. Any-

one interested in learning more about the AJWC and its volunteer projects is invited to the monthly meeting. Guests are also welcome.

A social gathering will begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. AJWC meetings are always open to the public.

For more information about how to become a member, contact Christina Beauchemin, membership chairperson, at 413-427-8784.

Register now for lacrosse, parent-child dances

Christopher Sparks, director of Parks and Recreation Department for the town of Agawam, has announced that the registration deadline for youth lacrosse, the Father-

Daughter Dance and the Mother-Son Dance is Friday, Jan. 23.

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Gillis eyes more stabilization efforts in 2015

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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When Police Chief Eric Gillis was sworn in last January, he pledged to increase communication in the department and stabilize the staffing.

So far, Gillis has lived up to his promise, though unforeseen circumstances have derailed part of his stabilization goals.

The department entered 2014 with five new hires that had to go through the full-time police academy followed by training with officers at the department. Gillis was committed to getting those officers on the road as soon as they were fully trained.

Later in 2014, however, the department went through some turnover and Gillis said he just hired three new police officers that are entering the academy at the beginning of February, the next possible time for an academy training to begin. Gillis also finds himself shorthanded with three more officers.

"We have two officers that have suffered injuries in the line of duty and are out for a while," said Gillis. "We also had another police officer who has been activated by the military and we are without him."

Gillis says turnover does happen, but the injured officers also hurt the regular number of police on patrol.

"It's something we are always working on," said Gillis. "We want to make sure we have as much staffing in the community as



File photo

Police Chief Eric Gillis was sworn in a year ago, in January 2014.

possible. Thankfully, the town has been supportive in the past with budget appropriations so we can hire officers."

Gillis says budgets do have limits, though, and unfortunately, he does not have all the staffing he would like.

"Ideally, based on the population of this town, I would like to have at least 10 more full-time officers on staff," said Gillis. "Do

I expect to get all 10 immediately? No. But it is definitely something I will advocate for more."

Gillis put the number of patrol officers on staff in perspective. He said with three shifts and a "four-day-on, two-day-off" schedule, as well as sick and vacation times, he needs five officers to increase each shift's number of patrolmen by one.

Another major goal set by Gillis was to increase overall communication between the department and the community.

Gillis has been working on an increased presence of social media, utilizing Facebook and Twitter to communicate information to residents. He also has been using the "robocall" option offered by the town.

"We have been utilizing the calls to get more information out to residents about construction on the roads and detours," said Gillis. "We are going to try and utilize it more so residents have the most up-to-date information possible."

Another big accomplishment by Gillis and the department is the ability for residents to now file online police reports. He says the online option will be most helpful for out-of-town residents, using Six Flags New England as the best example.

"If a person from out of town visit Six Flags and something gets stolen from them," said Gillis, "they will be able to go home and file a report from their computer and send it to us, rather than wait for an officer."

Overall, police reports being taken have increased by about 72 percent.

Gillis says in 2015, he will continue to work to get properly trained officers on the road and get his officers healthy. The department will also maintain a presence in the community through events like National Night Out, and the presence of D.A.R.E. and resources officers in the town schools.

Early deadlines for next 2 editions

With the last two editions of January to be mailed to every home in town, the Agawam Advertiser News asks readers and advertisers to be aware of early deadlines for the next two weeks.

Press releases, submitted photos and community news must be received by 8 a.m. Monday morning, Jan. 19, to be considered for inclusion in the Jan. 22 edition of the Advertiser News. News may be sent to Teri Machia at aan@turley.com. Machia can be reached at 413-786-7747, ext. 100. Editor Michael Ballway can be reached at 413-786-7747, ext. 102.

For businesses wishing to advertise in the Jan. 22 edition, which will reach every home in Agawam and Feeding Hills, the deadline to contact sales representative John Baskin is the end of the business day Friday, Jan. 16. Baskin can be reached at jbaskin@turley.com or 413-786-7747, ext. 101.

For the Jan. 29 edition of the paper, the news deadline is Monday morning, Jan. 26, and the advertising deadline is Friday afternoon, Jan. 23.

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Corrine Wingard has high hopes for the new Agawam Housing Subcommittee, but she's still waiting for the board's first meeting — and two of its five members.

The City Council voted to establish the board in May 2014, following a recommendation by council President Christopher Johnson. The council resolution stipulated that one member would be selected from the Agawam Housing Authority — Wingard — alongside one Planning Board representative, one city councilor and two citizens selected by the mayor.

As of last week, the council has not appointed its representative, Wingard said, and the board is still waiting for the council to confirm the appointment of the Planning Board's representative, Violet Baldwin.

"I am really anxious for our group to get to work and start assessing the needs of the residents for housing," said Wingard.

Johnson did not return a phone call seeking comment.

The committee's focus will be to complete studies of what kind of affordable housing

Agawam has and make recommendations about how Agawam can promote more affordable housing in the community.

"We are one of many communities to accept Chapter 40B of the Massachusetts General Laws," said Wingard. "That law stipulates that zoning requirements can be relaxed in situations where developers are creating affordable housing for residents."

Wingard says the law applies until there is at least 10 percent of housing in town that is considered affordable housing under certain income thresholds. Those thresholds including approximately \$44,000 per year for an individual, \$63,000 for two people, and up to \$84,000 for a family of eight.

Mayor Richard Cohen has appointed his two selections already. The first is Pastor Christopher Pass from the Church of Redemption on Maple Street. The other is resident Anthony Passone.

Wingard said she met with the Planning Board in November and then with Planning and Community Development Director Deborah Dachos in December.

"She encouraged me to reach out to the other members I know that are on the committee to find out when people are free and

able to meet," said Wingard.

She recently completed letters to send to those other members, and also plans to contact Johnson about naming a councilor so the subcommittee can begin holding meetings.

She will be recommending first for the group to complete an inventory of affordable housing currently in Agawam, and what groups the housing serves, such as seniors or low-income residents.

"The last report the housing authority add said that Agawam had approximately 3.9 percent affordable housing," said Wingard. "We need to find ways to provide more. We need to find ways for people who grew up in this town to be able to afford to keep living here."

Wingard says she has gone through a lot of different training courses about affordable housing, and plans to make those resources available to her subcommittee to aid their efforts. She says part of the studies the subcommittee will be charged will include outreach to the community.

The Agawam Housing Authority manages some low-income housing in town. Soldier On, an affordable housing complex for veterans, is also being constructed in the near future.

Housing panel still waiting for members

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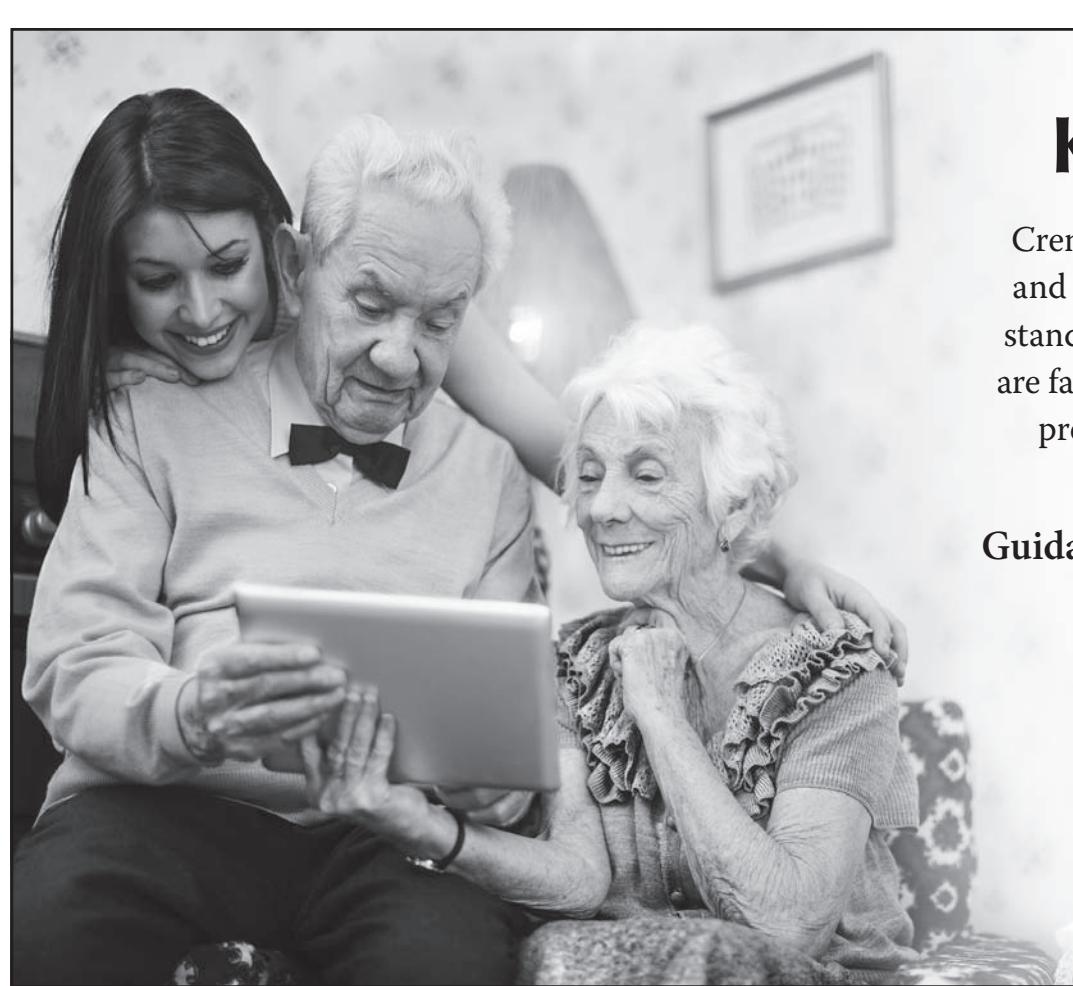
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Opinion Hearts and darts

HEARTS ... to the U.S. Postal Service and our local carriers and post office staff here in 01001 and 01030. It's easy to grouse about the rising cost of postage, but how many of us take for granted the modern miracle of first-class delivery — that for less than half the price of a candy bar, someone will carry your Christmas card all the way to Florida or the Pacific coast or

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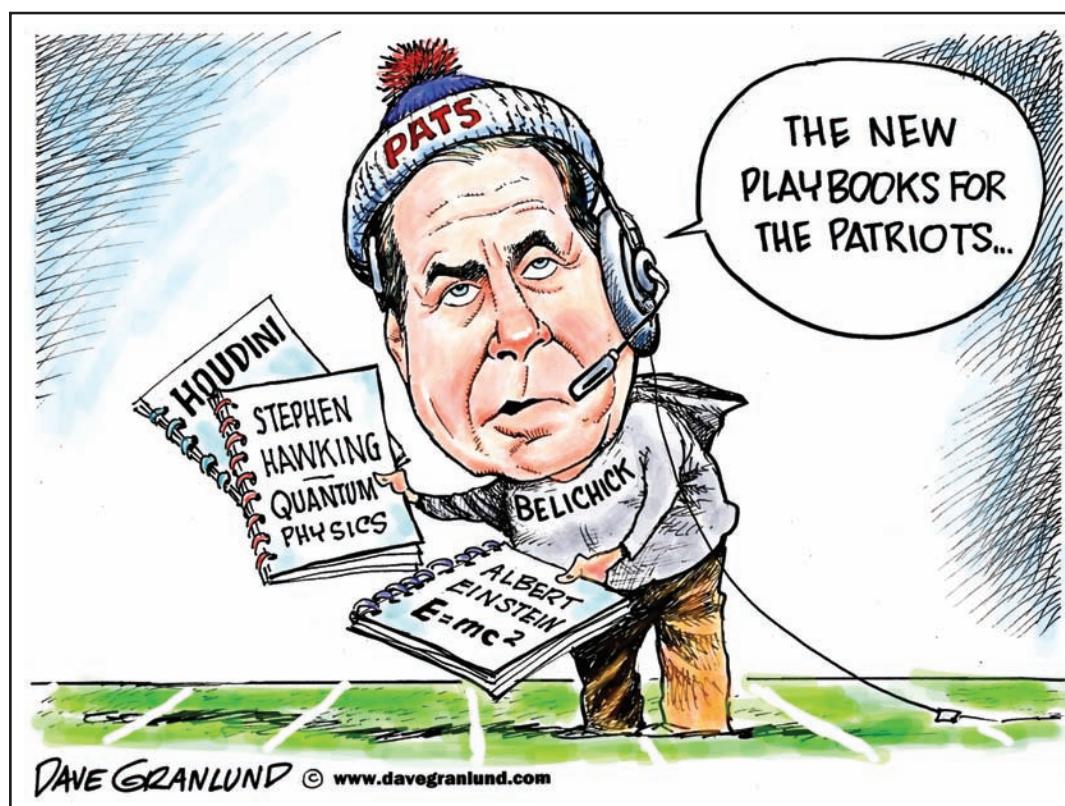
DART ... to the committee that prepared Boston's 2024 Olympic bid behind closed doors. The Olympics, if they come to Boston, will be the state's largest public event, largest security headache and largest public works project in decades. They will define civic and transportation planning in Eastern Massachusetts for the next generation. They will force hundreds of state, local and federal agencies to work together in ways that

many never have. They will upset our roads, airports and public accommodations for weeks. And they won't be cheap. Now that the Boston bid is America's bid, and considered a front-runner to gain the International Olympic Committee's nod, it's time for supporters of a Boston Games to open their books and prove that this massive event can be staged without massive support from taxpayers — including those in Western Massachusetts who are likely to see much less of an economic spinoff, but always seem to end up paying a share for Boston's baubles. The Olympics are great for boosting tourism and civic pride, but just about every Games in recent memory has run over-budget, bailed out by taxpayers — and Massachusetts' own record on public works projects is hardly better.

HEARTS ... to the committee of local folks raising money to help Board of Health Chairman Bill Euliano as he battles cancer, and the committee and volunteers working on this year's Relay for Life. By coincidence, both groups have scheduled events for next Thursday, and both are worth your support.

Everyone knows someone who has had to fight — or is fighting — some form of cancer, and none of us can say that we won't be the next to take up the fight. Cancer touches all of us, and can touch any of us. What's inspiring is how so many people respond to it: By coming together, as a community, to provide personal help to a friend in need, and town-wide support to survivors and cancer patients as part of a national campaign. Please, be generous.

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Letters to the Editor

Many contributed to holiday baskets success

To the editor:

On Saturday Dec. 20, the GWFC Agawam Junior Women's Club (AJWC) delivered "Holiday Baskets" to 43 families, 12 senior citizens, and provided gifts of clothing to 101 children. Each received a reusable grocery tote containing food and a grocery store gift card to purchase non-perishable items to complete their holiday meal.

On behalf of our club, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to those who helped us spread this holiday cheer to our less fortunate neighbors this year.

Those who made monetary donations included Agawam Golden Age Chapter 1, Agawam Clerical Employees Association, Agawam City Council members, Lynda Finch, Granger Elementary School staff, Diversified Detaylor Ltd., OMG Inc., Agawam Firefighters, Natalia Clifton and Big Y Foods.

Those who sponsored children included Agawam Jr. High staff, Agawam Girl Scout Troops, PTO Facebook Group members and AJWC club members.

Schools that collected food are Benjamin Phelps Elementary School, Clifford Granger Elementary School, James Clark Elementary School, Robinson Park Elementary School, Roberta Doering School, Agawam Early Childhood Center and Pam's Place.

Many thanks also to the Agawam Senior Center

Knitting Club for creating lovely scarves, shawls and blankets for the families and to Geissler's Supermarket for their generous discount towards the purchase of gift cards for each of the recipients.

We could not have done it without you.

Theresa Conklin and Ginny Stempel
AJWC Holiday Baskets Co-Chairs

Washington student looking for state info

To the editor:

I am a student at Cascade Christian Schools and I am writing a report on the state of Massachusetts. We are responsible for gathering as much information as we can about our state.

If any of your readers would like to help me by sending any pictures, products, license plates, etc. from your state, it would be greatly appreciated.

Cara
Fifth grader
Cascade Christian School

Editor's note: Any reader that would like to respond to this request may forward information to Cara, care of Cascade Christian School, 601 Ninth Ave. S.E., Puyallup, WA 98372.

Vegetable variety has value

Be certain that you eat your vegetables" As I grew up, I heard this expression at least 5 times a week. It was prefaced by the admonition ... "If you want to grow up healthy and strong." And the add on ... "How do you think that Uncle Freddie got to be on the football team?"

During my growing up time, vegetables consisted not much more than the following: peas, corn, tomato, carrots, lettuce, potato, celery, cucumber, onion and maybe one or two more.

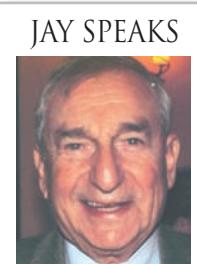
Nowadays, with international travel and the various Food Networks on television, there is another whole world of vegetables and fruit available to one's dining table.

Many people are now vegans, forgoing meats, poultry, and fish and concentrating on vegetables for their daily diet, Asian soybeans taking on the protein allowance.

In addition to supermarkets having expanded fresh vegetable and fruit departments, we have the new phenomenon of farmers selling portions of their crops to families and individuals to pick up during the spring, summer and fall periods.

Farmers markets have sprung up everywhere and provide wide assortments of vegetables once or twice a week, now year-round.

For the holiday of Thanksgiving, Kitty and I travelled to New Jersey to be with our son Scott and his wife Jan and their children



JAY BERGER
ADVERTISER NEWS
COLUMNIST

Jan and Scott bought a share in tandem with a friend of Jan. Once a week they travel to the farm (about a 25-minute drive from their home) and gather whatever crops have matured that week. Jan has remarked to us that many times her share is more than they might use, so she either passes some along to relatives or friends, or she puts it up for winter use, either freezing it or canning it.

We sat down for the Thanksgiving dinner. Jan had made the last or next-to-last trek to the farm and we had the most remarkable assortment of vegetables for dinner. I've managed to list them, and separated out the ones used in our salad.

Salad: lettuce, tomato, celery, cucumber, onion, pepper.

Dinner: string beans, peas, carrots, corn, rutabaga, turnip, potato, sweet potato, yam, soy beans, asparagus, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kohlrabi, mushroom, parsnip, squash, zucchini, lima beans.

I think I might have forgotten a couple of root crops that I did not remember the names. However, my mom would be proud of me. I ate all my vegetables and I wonder if I might be as strong as Uncle Freddie.

Hooray for farms and vegetables. Let's grow more and greater variety.

Jay Berger is an Agawam resident.



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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 70 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Jan. 6 to Jan. 12.

On Jan. 6 at 9:57 a.m., the department responded to Elmar Drive for false alarm or false call, other.

On Jan. 6 at 12:18 p.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for smoke or odor removal.

On Jan. 7 at 12:05 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

On Jan. 7 at 12:20 p.m., the department responded to Walnut Street Ext. for lockout.

On Jan. 7 at 1:31 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.

On Jan. 7 at 3:35 p.m., the department responded to Parkview Drive for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On Jan. 7 at 4:56 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for sprinkler activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Jan. 7 at 7:13 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for public service assistance, other.

On Jan. 8 at 8:38 a.m., the department responded to Hemlock Ridge for carbon monoxide incident.

On Jan. 8 at 9:29 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street to assist police or

other governmental agency.

On Jan. 8 at 8:59 p.m., the department responded to North Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Jan. 8 at 11:42 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service assistance, other.

On Jan. 9 at 11 a.m., the department responded to Mill Street for chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue.

On Jan. 9 at 2:57 p.m., the department responded to Garden Street for carbon monoxide incident.

On Jan. 10 at 2:22 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for fires in structure other than in a building.

On Jan. 10 at 8:19 p.m., the department responded to Dogwood Lane for public service assistance, other.

On Jan. 11 at 4:59 a.m., the department responded to Memory Lane for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Jan. 11 at 5:54 p.m., the department responded to Hemlock Ridge for carbon monoxide incident.

On Jan. 12 at 9:07 a.m., the department responded to Maynard Street for steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other.

On Jan. 12 at 9:52 a.m., the department responded to Horsham Place for carbon monoxide incident.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 258 calls for service from Jan. 6 to Jan. 12. The department made 5 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Jerry Wayne Swanigan, 60, 26 Calhoun St., Apt. 2L, Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Christopher J. Barbeau, 33, of 17 New

King St., Enfield, Conn., was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Katrina Fitch, 21, of 109 Vassar Road, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Monday, Jan. 12

Christopher James Mulvey, 45, address unknown, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Talisha Padilla-Vazquez, 19, of 75 Pine St., Manchester, Conn., was arrested on a charge of unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

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AFD seeking call firefighter applicants

The Agawam Fire Department is seeking applicants for the position of Agawam call firefighter. Applicants must have a desire to serve the community, be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license and reside within the town of Agawam. Applicants will be required to pass a CORI check, medical evaluation and Massachusetts Civil Service Physical Abilities Test (PAT).

Job duties include, but are not limited to, attending Fire Department training as required by policy, responding to call for emergency service, assisting career firefighters and EMS personnel, staffing Fire Department watch desk and apparatus dur-

ing emergencies, operating Fire Department apparatus, tools and equipment, performing fire suppression, rescue and medical first response services as necessary.

Previous experience as a firefighter, emergency medical technician or other emergency services provider is preferred but not required.

Applications are available in the Personnel Office, 36 Main St., Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Application will be accepted until suitable candidates are found.

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Mayor Richard Cohen, center, was among those at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Feeding Hills Wellness Center. Pictured, from left, are Jeffrey Bailey, Lisa Wilson, Christine Bailey (owner), Cohen, Georgette Piponidis, Lori Stickles of United Bank, Carleen Hoffman Fisher, Bonnie Rodriguez and Jean Danek.

Wellness Center opens in Feeding Hills

Feeding Hills Wellness Center opened its doors for business on Monday, Jan. 5, at 567 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. The center offers holistic services, including Reiki, Integrated Energy Healing, massage, Yoga and meditation.

According to owner Christine Bailey, she opened the wellness center in order to help clients feel their best. Ten years ago,

she discovered Reiki, a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. Through the services at the wellness center, Bailey's goal is to provide people with methods to rebalance themselves and reduce stress.

For more information about the center, call 413-244-4660 or visit FeedingHills-Wellness.com.

Seniors

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Jan. 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Senior Center closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting Class, Sewing Class; 10 a.m., Chair Exercise; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 3 p.m., COA Meeting; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, Jan. 21: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 8:30 a.m., Meet the Mayor (coffee shop); 9:45 p.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; 6:30 p.m., Tobacco Valley Artist meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 22: No blood pressure check today; 8:30 a.m., Chair Exercise; 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10

a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch; 6:30 p.m., Evening Line Dancing, Cancer Support Group.

Friday, Jan. 23: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; 6 p.m., Art Workshop (dining room).

Lunch menu

Monday, Jan. 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Senior Center closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: American chop suey, caesar salad, pears.

Wednesday, Jan. 21: Sweet and sour meatballs, oven rice, broccoli, baked good.

Thursday, Jan. 22: Roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, buttered corn, gravy, pudding.

Friday, Jan. 23: Baked fish, rice pilaf, spinach, mixed fruit.

Senior Center Friends news, upcoming events

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center held election of officers at the first meeting of the year. This year's officers are J. Emile Cote, president; Pat Murphy, vice president; William Beaudry, treasurer; Linda Lewis, secretary; Brendalee Broan, assistant treasurer.

Board members include Al Finney, Betty Grimaldi, Penny Hardick, Diana Anderson, Robert Kadis, Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, Reidar Nordal and Carol Pash.

Friends will host a spaghetti and meatball dinner Tuesday, Feb. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 10 and are available at the senior center or by calling Cote at 413-335-9440.

A Valentine dinner dance will take place

Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the senior center. Dinner will include apple/cranberry-stuffed pork, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, rolls, coffee and tea, and bread pudding. Music will be provided by Richie Mitnick on keyboard. Donation is \$15 per person. For tickets, call Cote at 413-335-9440.

A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held Tuesday, March 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the senior center. Tickets, which are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 10, are available at the senior center or from Cote at 413-335-9440.

Taste of the Western Mass. coupon books are still available for sale at the senior center, 954 Main St.

ADOG comedy show set for Feb. 7 in Feeding Hills

The Agawam Dog Owners Group will host its second annual Comedy Night Saturday, Feb. 7, at Oak Ridge Golf Club, 850 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with an 8 p.m. show start. Proceeds from the event will be used to help raise awareness and funds for the future dog park in Agawam to be located at Shea Field.

Four comedians will bring their best to the stage. The night's headliner is Brad Mistrangelo, who has been on Comedy Central and has contributed to the "Tonight Show" with Jay Leno. Abhishek Shah and Chris Pennie have both been on "Last Comic Standing," and the host for the event, Dave Rattigan, is a seasoned veteran of laughs.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and may be purchased at www.AgawamDogPark.com or at Southgate Liquors, 842 Suffield St., next to Geissler's Supermarket. Reservations of six or more may be made by calling or texting Debbi Sanchez at 413-374-4684.

There will also be raffles and a cash bar. Guests may bring their own snacks.

The Agawam Dog Owners Group is a volunteer group created to raise awareness and funds for a fenced-in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens and their owners can socialize in a clean, safe environment, and where friendly dogs can exercise without endangering or annoying people, property or wildlife. The proposed five-acre park will be developed in phases with the first phase consisting of about two acres. Peter Wells of Berkshire Design Group in Northampton has designed the park.

ADOG is working on the project in cooperation with the town of Agawam, including Mayor Richard Cohen and Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks, as well as with support from residents and businesses.

Safford named Anne Sullivan Award winner

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee has announced that MaryJo Safford is this year's Anne Sullivan Award winner. Safford has been a member of the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee for four years, and for the past three years has worked on fundraising and establishing new traditions.

She is a graduate of Baystate Medical Center School of Nursing, where she received her RN diploma. She received a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Our Lady of the Elms College and a master of science degree in nursing at St. Joseph College.

In addition, she has completed course work at the Centers for Disease Control and is certified as a family health nurse practitioner.

Safford has been employed at Baystate Health System for 39 years and has been in charge of the travel medicine program there for 23 years. She has also served on the Agawam Board of Health for the past three years and has been a member of the Dan Kane Singers for 16 years.

Safford and her husband, Howard, residents of Feeding Hills for 21 years, also have a summer cottage at Cape Cod. Her favorite pastime there is clamping and cooking for their many guests. At any opportunity, she enjoys host-



MaryJoe Safford, center, the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee Anne Sullivan Award winner, is pictured with Barbara Foley, left, committee president, and Kerri O'Connor, award chairperson and board chairperson.

ing gatherings at her home, including St. Patrick's Colleen Committee meetings and Colleen functions.

Free course for families of those with mental illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts, based in Agawam, is offering a free 12-week course in Holyoke starting Feb. 2 for family, caregivers and friends of loved ones with mental illness. The course is designed to help caregivers understand and support their loved ones while maintaining their own wellbeing.

Registration is required. Mental illnesses covered in the course include depression, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), borderline personality disorder and schizophrenia.

Family to Family is taught by trained facilitators who are family members of individuals living with mental illness. Facilitators provide critical information and strategies related to caregiving through presentations, discussions, and interactive exercises. More than 115,000 family members have graduated from this national program.

Participants are provided with free ma-

terials including up-to-date information on mental illnesses and their impacts on the brain, and current research on treatments and medications.

"Mental illness does not involve just one person," said NAMI-WM president Bernice Drumheller. "Entire families are affected, and caregivers need the skills and information to obtain the best care for their loved ones while also taking care of themselves."

Drumheller, a 13-year veteran Family to Family teacher, said, "NAMI offers help and hope to families. People who take the course describe it as life-changing. It is taught by trained family caregivers who themselves have loved ones living with mental illness. They know firsthand what families face."

For more information or to register for the course please contact the NAMI-WM office at 413-786-9139 or information@namiwm.org, or visit www.namiwm.org.

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Crochet club begins Jan. 20

The Agawam United Methodist Church, 459 Mill St., Agawam, will resume its crochet club, "Hookers and Knit-Wits," beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, embroiderers and more.

Attendees are welcome to bring their yarn

stash, hooks and needles. Supplies are also available at each meeting. Men and women of all skill levels are welcome. Club members are eager to teach beginners.

Meetings are held every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and are free to all. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

Talk at Storrorwton on 1824 Mansfield murder

Eastern States Exposition's Storrorwton Village Museum will host its annual First Person Presentation, "Hanged By the Neck Until You Are Dead, Dead, Dead — The Murder Conviction of Thirza Mansfield, 1824," on Friday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m., in the village's historic Meetinghouse.

During the program, educator and historian Linda Oakley, of Webster, takes on the persona of Thirza Mansfield, a member of a prominent New Haven family, who, at the age of 44, was arrested, jailed and tried for the axe murder of her husband. She was originally sentenced to death by hanging; however, the verdict was appealed and commuted to life imprisonment.

Oakley will speak about the swiftness

of Mansfield's conviction and of her time spent at Newgate Prison before being transferred to Wethersfield, where she died in her late 50s.

The 45-minute presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

Admission is \$5 per person. Space is limited and reservations for this event are encouraged but not required. Tickets will be available at the door. Please note that this program contains content that may not be suitable for young audiences.

For more information and to make reservations, call the village at 413-205-5051. This event is weather permitting. If the weather is questionable, call the village for details prior to departure.

RELAY, from page 1

Last year's goal was \$70,000, but the final tally totaled more than \$97,000. The past three Relays have raised a total of more than \$200,000 — making the Agawam event one of the most successful new Relays in the area.

"Year-to-year growth for Agawam shows that there's a lot of community support behind this Relay. Each year, the Relay hasn't just met the goal, it's exceeded it — by a wide margin," said Jennifer Ducharme, a senior manager for the ACS's New England Division. She oversees Relays in Western Massachusetts.

Iacolo said the money raised helps to fund free ACS programs and services to assist cancer patients and their loved ones in understanding cancer, managing their lives through treatment and recovery, and finding the emotional support they need.

"Our goal is to build hope for people fighting cancer by raising money for services and research. That's why we chose 'Building Hope' as our theme for this year's Relay," she added.

Iacolo said the kickoff — which has a snow date of Thursday, Feb. 5 — is an opportunity to learn more about how to join or form teams. Team members can register for the Relay and become better informed about the Relay and what happens during the event.

Currently, 15 teams and 45 participants have registered and have raised nearly \$2,400.

"We want to help those who may be new to our Relay get a better understanding of how they can raise funds as well as help them become a part of it," she added.

"As a cancer survivor, it's very important to me to raise funds to help end cancer. I want others to have the same opportunity to live life to the fullest."

Patti Phillips, survivor speaker for kickoff of the 2015 Relay for Life of Agawam

'Positive and uplifting' The Relay is "a positive and uplifting" event, said Phillips.

"I'll never forget seeing all the smiles on everyone's faces my first year — even when we were walking at 3 a.m."

The 2015 Relay is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 15-16, at School Street Park in Agawam. The Relay was relocated from Agawam High School — where it's been held since 2012 — because renovations of the track and sports field are expected to start in early spring.

During the Relay, teams set up campsites and take turns walking or running around a designated route. Teams start in the evening, go through the night, and end the next day. At least one person from each team walks at all times to symbolize that cancer never sleeps. Many teams also hold creative fundraisers during the Relay at team campsites.

To register for the Jan. 22 kickoff, contact Iacolo (413-478-9491, or jiacolo@aol.com), or call the American Cancer Society office at 413-493-2150. For more information about the Relay, visit www.relayforlife.org/agawamma or the Relay Facebook page.



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Businesses along the east side of Walnut Street Extension, and town officials, consider the former Games and Lanes across the street to be an eyesore holding back redevelopment of the neighborhood.

GAMES, from page 1

third party developer to encourage a relationship between the two," Cohen's memo states. "Early indications are that a partnership can be established to clean the site and redevelop it for commercial use. The two parties are meeting privately to discuss the details of this partnership."

Cohen goes on to state that the remediation company has requested the town seek MassDevelopment grant funds to further the environmental assessment work produced by O'Reilly, Talbot and Okun.

The town will be submitting a second assessment grant within the next 30 days, Cohen states.

"The administration continues to strive for a private solution to the Games and Lanes issues," Cohen stated. "Such as a solution will avoid town liability with regard to the site. That being said, all possible options will continue to be explored."

Suffritti said he was pleased to hear the administration is still making a priority of the

site and hopes it will be remedied soon.

"We approved the zone change in part because we believed Mr. Petlock was going to clean up that property," said Suffritti. "He didn't follow through so we need to come up with another plan."

The City Council approved a mixed-use business zone for 19 different properties along Walnut Street Extension, the same street where Games and Lanes is located. The new flexible zoning is intended to encourage a relatively dense, "downtown" district.

Games and Lanes, which has a lot of environmental issues on the property, continues to hamper the area from moving forward with improvements. Cohen has been reluctant to have the town seize the property through tax title because it would cost the taxpayers more than \$600,000 to clean up the property. However, Cohen said the town's administration wants to work with potential buyers to get the site cleaned up.

His memo also states he wants to work with the council to come up with an effective solution for the property.

BENEFIT, from page 1

ment is completed, Euliano will be evaluated to determine if he needs to continue with more treatments. Bonavita said that's why Euliano's friends are hopeful that the benefit supper can raise at least a couple thousand dollars. The goal is to provide Euliano with some financial relief from worrying about how to pay for some of the additional costs related to his cancer treatment.

The financial help is needed, said Bonavita, because of a number of ancillary costs involved with Euliano's treatment that aren't covered by insurance. According to Bonavita, the type of treatment Euliano is undergoing is apparently more expensive and more difficult because he is being treated for two different types of cancer at the same time.

Bonavita said tickets do not have to be prepaid, but can be purchased at the door the night of the event. The dinner will include

pasta and meatballs, rolls, water, coffee and dessert. He added that all the food, utensils, and other items needed to put on the supper have been donated. That means 100 percent of the ticket sales can be used to help Euliano.

John Negrucci, a former Agawam City Council member, a member of the planning committee and a chef, will be preparing the supper.

"John is a good cook and he's done a lot of these types of benefits," said Bonavita. He added that committee members will be assisting Negrucci with preparations for the supper.

Committee members include Bonavita and his wife Adele, Chris and Sue Catjakis, Negrucci and his wife Cindy, Ernest and Nancy Malone, and Robert and Pat Lloyd. Anyone interested in learning more information about the benefit supper can contact Bonavita at 413-786-2079.

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Seniors: Please let Mrs. Tirone in the counseling office know what college/university you have been accepted into.

CTEC (Lower Pioneer Valley Career and Technical Education Center): Students and parents are invited to attend an Open House on Feb. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. Visit www.lpvctec.org for a listing of programs available.

FAFSA Day (College Goal Sunday): A volunteer driven program providing free assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid on either Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. at American International College or Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. at Holyoke Community College. For more information, visit www.fafsdays.org.

SAT Prep Course: Princeton Review will host an SAT Prep Course at AHS beginning Jan. 28. Students must pre-register and pay at princetonreview.com or 1-800-2-REVIEW, ext. 1065. Postcards have been mailed home to all 10th- and 11th-graders.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Campus Notes...

American International College: William Cotrone, Mikhail Klakotskiy, Brian Marcoulier, Sarah Dudley, Daniel Kaptuyg, Jason Metz, Cristina Dubinevici, Kevin Truong and Kyle Mutti, of Agawam, and Alexander Watkins, Nicole Gonzalez, Emily Burleson, Emil Patel and Sara Mirolli, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

Keene State College: Liana Blais, of Agawam, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 19: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No school.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: Whole-wheat pancakes, hash browns, turkey sausage links, strawberry cup, orange juice cup.

Wednesday, Jan. 21: Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 22: Individual pizza rounds, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Jan. 23: Manager's choice.

ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 19: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No school.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: Whole-wheat pan-

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Wednesday, Jan. 21: Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 22: Individual pizza rounds, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

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DOERING BOOK DRIVE



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Roberta G. Doering School teachers Mrs. Basile, Mrs. Campana, Ms. Ferraiolo, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Oberheim would like to thank all the students and staff at Doering who donated new or gently read books to the school's book drive. The drive, which the teachers hope becomes an annual event, collected more than 1,000 books from mid-November to mid-December. On Dec. 17, teachers filled their cars with over 35 boxes and delivered the books to the Ronald McDonald House of Western Massachusetts. Books collected ranged from preschool to adult, with the hope to bring some cheer to families in need of support. The importance of reading was not lost on Doering students, who know the value of what a good book can do.

'Keys to Kindergarten' detailed Jan. 20

Does my child need to know the alphabet? His phone number? How to tie her shoes? Just a quick online search and you will be overwhelmed with how many things your child "should" know to be successful in kindergarten ... but is it all true?

Join members of the Agawam School Department's kindergarten staff, 6:30-8 p.m. on Jan. 20 at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., to discuss the myths and realities of what kindergarten readiness means.

This event is designed for Agawam families with children that will be 5 years old prior to Sept. 1. This is an informational night only and kindergarten registrations will not be accepted.

This program is sponsored by the Agawam Family & Community Program. For more information, contact Michelle Connery, outreach coordinator, at 413-821-0597 or mconnery@agawampublicschools.org.

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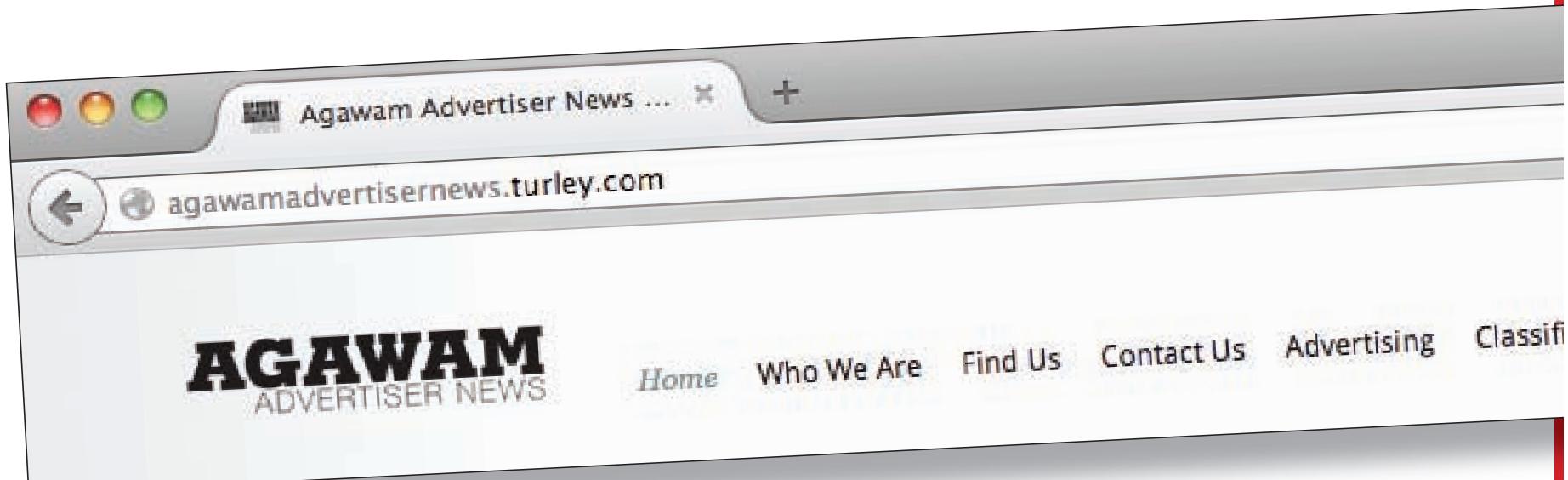
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Applause Series examines apparel in Austen's literature

The Agawam Cultural Council welcomes Haddam Stage Company Artistic Director Kandie Carle to the Applause Series podium Friday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library with her one-woman presentation, "Fashion in Fiction: Clothing Speaks Volumes in Jane Austen's Novels."

Dressed in period-correct attire, Carle will dive into the Regency era with élan, discussing the clothing, accessories, manners, and etiquette of the time period, then share the numerous ways that Jane Austen used clothing and fashion to enhance character, delineate class, and propel plot in her fiction.

Part historical presentation, part literature examination, and 100 percent educational and fun, Carle brings 30 years of experience in the theater and two decades of historical presentations as she engages the audience, fielding questions and adjusting content to the audience in attendance. The show will feature "Elizabeth Bennet" and "Mr. Darcy," along with readings from Austen's letters and novels.

This presentation is appropriate for all ages, men, women, boys and girls.

The Agawam Public Library is located at 750 Cooper St. and can be reached by phone at 413-789-1550. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public. Additional information on each of the events is available at www.agawamcc.org.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and



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The fashions of the Regency Period, and Jane Austen's literature in particular, will be the focus of the next ACC Applause Series event Friday, Feb. 6, at the Agawam Public Library.

is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

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HAPPY 85TH, CARMELLA



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Carmella Lepore, of Feeding Hills, celebrated her 85th birthday Jan. 11. Originally from Springfield, she has two daughters, Linda Lepore and Patty Lepore; a grandson, Thomas Lepore; a great-grandchild and a great-great grandchild.

Jill Gendron weds Kevin Atkin



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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin T. Atkin

Jill Kathleen Gendron and Kevin Thomas Atkin were married July 10 at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven, Conn., by officiant Richard Buckholz.

The bride is the daughter of Sharon and Ronald Gendron, of Feeding Hills. The bridegroom is the son of Judith and Michael Atkin of West Springfield.

Lindsay Caroleo attended her cousin as maid of honor. Stephanie Gendron, sister-in-law of the bride, and Kelsey Caroleo and Caileigh Caroleo, cousins of the bride, attended as bridesmaids.

Serving as best man was Christopher Atkin, brother of the groom. Marc Atkin and Jeffrey Atkin, brothers of the groom, and Kyle Gendron, brother of the bride, served as grooms-men.

The couple resides in West Springfield.

Free photos with 'Frozen' sisters

"Let It Go" and bring the kids to meet Anna and Elsa from Disney's "Frozen," Saturday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon at Heritage Woods Senior Living, 462 Main St., Agawam. Children can meet and take free pictures with Anna and Elsa and are invited to stay for goodies and activities.

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SPORTS

Wayland shuts down Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM — The Agawam hockey team finally suffered their first defeat of the regular season, but remain undefeated against opponents in Western Massachusetts.

Agawam was defeated 3-0 by Wayland on Saturday afternoon at Olympia Ice Center.

Wayland was the defending Division 3 North champion, and did a great job playing defense in the shutout over the Brownies.

Agawam just managed seven shots on goal the entire game. One other issue for the Brownies was penalties, something Agawam has been racking up lately.

Agawam's Seamus Curran made a vicious hit in the first period to land him in the box with 9:39 remaining. Agawam was able to overcome that Wayland power play.

Another Agawam penalty went for boarding with 4:12, but Agawam escaped unscathed. By the end of the first period, Agawam had just managed two shots on goal.

Early in the second period, Joe Mercadante was assessed a four-minute major penalty, paving the

way for Wayland to get their first goal of the game with 12:48 remaining in the second. The score was a writer from the right side that got past Nick Askins.

Agawam managed to kill the rest of the penalty time without allowing another goal.

The Brownies then got an opportunity to tie the game when they got the power play. But Wayland would not relent, and killed the penalty successfully. Right after they reached for strength, Jake Brady moved the puck up the right

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Above: Preston Kazub makes a run up the ice with the puck. Agawam was limited to seven shots in their first loss of the season against Wayland last Saturday afternoon.

Left: Dan Inghiu tries to angle toward the goal.

Tigers turn back Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM — In a big Suburban League match, South Hadley entered Agawam and jumped out to a huge lead.

Agawam then came back and took a brief lead, only to relinquish it just as fast and suffered another loss, 58-51 against the Tigers last Thursday night.

The story of the game was Cam Earle for the Tigers. Earle has been South Hadley's leading scorer for most of this season, but he was just on fire against the Brownies, scoring an amazing 42 points in the win. That accounted for nearly 75 percent of South Hadley's scoring.

South Hadley jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first 3:00 of the game. South Hadley put a lot of pressure on defense, forcing some poor shots and turnovers out of the Brownies.

Earle scored a layup with 4:50 remaining to increase the Tigers lead to 10-0, and then nailed a 3-pointer a minute later to increase the lead to 13-0.

Finally, Agawam got on the board with a basket from Meesha Ohradka. After a turnover, Ohradka scored against, making 13-4.

Ben Reed got South Hadley going again with a free throw to make it 14-4. With the seconds waning in the first quarter, an inbound pass went to Earle. Near mid-court, Earle would make a full turn-around buzzer shot that



Meesha Ohradka tries to make a drive for the hoop.



Mike Destefano starts a play for the Brownies.

found the hoop to make it 17-6. The amazing shot shocked everyone.

But Agawam kept its composure. Within one minute in the second period, Agawam came all the way back within three points. A 3-pointer started the period, followed by a score from Ohradka. He had a 3-pointer with 7:00 to go to make it 17-14. After another turnover, Ohradka then made a short jumper to cut the deficit to 17-16.

Sean Moore put Agawam on top with a layup, making it 18-17. Agawam would go on to take a 24-19 lead with a long trey from Alex Sours. Earle followed that with a trey of his own to make it 24-22 Agawam. South Hadley scored quickly after that to tie the score 24-24.

Agawam would briefly take the lead on a trey by Cam Cabana, who had just come off the bench. Earle countered with a pair of free

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Karl-Morin joins 100-win club

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM — The Agawam wrestling team continues to turn out talent and crown champions.

The Brownies also have a long lineage of 100-win competitors. The latest of those was 195-pound Fred Karl-Morin.

Karl-Morin became the fifth wrestler in the region to capture his 100th win, getting a victory over Minnechaug's Brett Jones at the Chicopee Duals held last Saturday morning at Chicopee High School.

The Brownies wrestled the Falcons, beating them 45-20. In the

195-pound match, Karl-Morin captured a victory over Jones in just 18 seconds, scoring a quick takedown and going right into the pinfall victory to capture the milestone.

Karl-Morin says his main goal is to get back to Western Massachusetts Division 1's meet and capture a title.

The senior grappler entered the 2014-2015 season very close to the milestone, but the start to his season was delayed because of an injury suffered during Agawam's run at the Division 4 football championship during the fall.

During the Saturday meets, Karl-Morin picked up three other

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Minnechaug offense halts Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
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AGAWAM — The struggles continue for the Agawam girls basketball team, as they dropped their fifth straight game last Friday night against Minnechaug, 58-35.

The Brownies took to the road, and last year had some very close defensive matchups against the Falcons. This time, the Falcons were able to mount a lot more of

fense in the game, and kept Agawam's struggling offense off the scoreboard for most of the game.

The Brownies did start out strong early in the game, nearly matching the Falcons point-for-point, and trailed by just two points after one quarter.

Agawam then struggled to get to halftime, seeing their offense stifled and limited to just a couple of baskets in the second quarter as they trailed 33-18 at halftime.

The second half did not get

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Anthony Passerini passes the blue line and looks to make a shot.

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side, passed left to Nick Morgan and Morgan scored to make it 2-0 Wayland.

With the two-goal deficit, Agawam got a lucky break with 3:11 remaining in the second period. Wayland's Spencer Henley was sent to box for 4:00 for a boarding penalty, giving Agawam the extended power play.

But the Brownies were only able to manage a couple more shots on goal. The Brownies continued to struggle through the third period.

Askins would finish with 24 saves in the loss.

Last Tuesday night, the Brownies had a big rematch with their rivals from Westfield, and escaped with a 4-4 tie.

The Brownies scored once in the first period and three times in the second to take a commanding 4-0 lead, but the Bombers came all the way back to tie the score four unanswered goals in the final period of the game.

Connor McAnanama made 22 saves in the tie. Agawam had four different players register goals, with Cam Rivest coming up with two points with a goal and an assist.

Agawam, 6-1-2, will face Algonquin Saturday at 3 p.m.

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Indoor Track

Agawam High School

Track team settles for split

NORTHAMPTON - The Agawam boys and girls indoor track teams returned to action in 2015, participating in a solo dual meet against Minnechaug last Friday evening.

The girls were able to pick up the victory and raise their record to 2-2 when they beat the Falcons, 57.5-36.5. The boys suffered another loss to drop to 1-3 with a 71-23 defeat.

The Brownies will continue their dual meet scheduled when they face Northampton in an afternoon meet at 3:45 p.m.

- Compiled by Sports Correspondent Gregory A. Scibelli

Swimming

Agawam High School

Agawam dominates Gaels

AGAWAM - The boys swimming team has now reached a 5-3 record after splitting their first six meets of the regular season.

During the last week, the Brownies defeated both Holyoke Catholic and Easthampton in dominant fashion.

Against Holyoke Catholic, Agawam dominated the Gaels 135-15, with David Wheat coming up with a few big wins, including the 100-yard breaststroke, the 100-yard butterfly, and was a winner with the 200-yard medley relay team. Catholic only had one first-place finisher.

The girls swimming team improved to 3-5 this season with a good win against Catholic 96-71 last Friday afternoon. Megan Dustin had three wins, two as an individual. She captured the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard freestyle, and was part of the win for the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Agawam faces Chicopee Comp at home Friday at 4 p.m. at Agawam Junior High School's swimming pool.

- Compiled by Sports Correspondent Gregory A. Scibelli

Winter brochure program available

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation winter brochure is now available online at agawam.ma.us.

Information about January registrations for dances and lacrosse can be found in the winter brochure.

THREE TIMES A CHARM



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AGAWAM - Congratulations to Ruby Chenevert, of Agawam, who has accomplished first overall for the third year in a row in the Whip City Gymnastics competition. The New Year's Invitational competition is held annually at Westfield State College. Chenevert has been a member of Tim Daggett's Xcel Gymnastics program for many years. After last weekend's competition held in January of 2015 she has now successfully claimed the Overall title for the past three years in the Gold, Silver and currently the Platinum level.

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Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Verizon Wireless which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-96 of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of a telecommunications wireless service facility at the premises identified as 491 Mill Street.

Doreen Prouty Chairperson
Agawam Board of Appeals
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Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Verizon Wireless which is seeking a Variance from Section 180-97 of the Town of Agawam's Zoning

Ordinances which would allow for the construction of a telecommunications tower with less than the required distance from the base of the tower to the property line at the premises identified as 491 Mill Street.

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Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd. d/b/a Verizon Wireless has filed an application for a special permit with the Agawam Board of Appeals to erect a Personal Wireless Service Facility consisting of a 100 ft. monopole tower and a 12 x 26 ft. equipment shelter on property located at 491 Mill Street in Agawam, Massachusetts shown on Assessor's Map H10, Block 02, Lot 0017. Verizon Wireless will fly a balloon at the proposed site for public viewing on Monday, January 19, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the balloon flight will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at the same time. For any questions, contact Ellen W. Freyman, counsel to Verizon Wireless, at (413) 737-1131. 1/15/15

**Commonwealth of
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The Trial Court
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Hampden Division
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD14P2572EA
Estate of: Loren J Howe
Date of Death:
October 26, 2014
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Donna M. Howe** of Feeding Hills MA.

Donna M. Howe of Feeding Hills MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal

Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Docket No. HD14P2155EA

Estate of: Loretta I Wright

Also Known As:

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Date of Death: May 5, 2014

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Elizabeth J Wright** of Agawam MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed

by: **Christopher J. Woods**

of Springfield MA and

Elizabeth A. Woods of

Worcester MA requesting

that the Court enter a formal

Decree and Order of testacy

and for such other relief as

requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Christopher J. Woods of

Springfield MA and

Elizabeth A. Woods of

Worcester MA be appointed

as Personal Representative(s)

of said estate to serve

Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 02/10/2015.

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WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 13, 2015

Suzanne T. Seguin

Register of Probate

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victories and stands at 103 wins, including one over Chicopee Comp's Carlos Negron, a contender last season at 220 pounds last year.

Karl-Morin has changed weight classes a few times during his high school tenure, wrestling at 160 pounds, 170 pounds, and last year at 182 pounds. He started off at 160 and was a finalist at the weight during his sophomore year. He moved on to the state tournament, where he placed third and qualified for the all-state meet.

Last year, Karl-Morin made the move up to 182 pounds, and finished third at Western Mass. He did not place in the state meet.

Karl-Morin's injury caused him to miss almost the entire first month of the season, but coach Armando Ramos felt he was ready to go for Agawam's Phil Tomkiel Holiday Tournament.

"He really had a hard start to this season," said Ramos. "He came in really beat up from

football and need a few weeks to heal. Because he is so strong physically and mentally we threw him into the Tomkiel tournament with the minimal practices and knew his conditioning was not there yet. He fought through it and now that he is conditioned he is primed for a great season."

Karl-Morin jumped out quickly, but fell in the semifinals of the Tomkiel. He came back to finish third overall, and has been wrestling well since. Ramos said Karl-Morin's quick start after missing time injuries is a testament to how hard the senior works.

"Anytime someone reaches 100 wins it is a testament to their hard work, talent, determination," Ramos said. "Fred came in as a freshman and demonstrated these qualities from day one. It has been a pleasure watching him these last four years because he is strong physically and mentally. He really gives you his all out there. I wouldn't want to wrestle him."

Fishing swap meet set for March 8

AGAWAM - A fishing swap meet will be held at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 8.

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If you would like to sell your items or boat please contact Dave Dussault at 413-427-0846.

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throws and a trey to give South Hadley the lead again 29-27. The Tigers would lead 31-28 at halftime.

The Tigers would not relinquish the lead after that, as Earle stayed hot the rest of the game.

With his 42 points, Earle had seven treys, and also made 11 free throws.

Ohradka led Agawam with 21 points. He had five treys. Cabana was great off the bench, scoring 13 points.

The win helped South Hadley get to 2-3 for the regular season. Agawam dropped to 1-7.

Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli
Alex Sours moves toward the left side to attempt a 3-pointer.

BASKETBALL, from page 12

much better for Agawam, which was limited to just 17 points in the second half.

Agawam was led with a good performance by Meghan D'Amours. She had 14 points in the game. Christie Mirski would add nine points, and Becca Uschmann added four points.

The Brownies had similar struggles last Tuesday night when they hosted Chicopee Comprehensive in their first regular season matchup of 2015. Comp kept control of

the game for most of the evening, winning 51-37. Agawam was led by Mirski with 10 points while D'Amours added eight points in the loss.

Agawam is now 1-5 and will look to turn their fortunes around on Friday night when they have a rematch against Chicopee at 7 p.m. The Brownies travel to Ludlow on Monday at 7 p.m.

Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.

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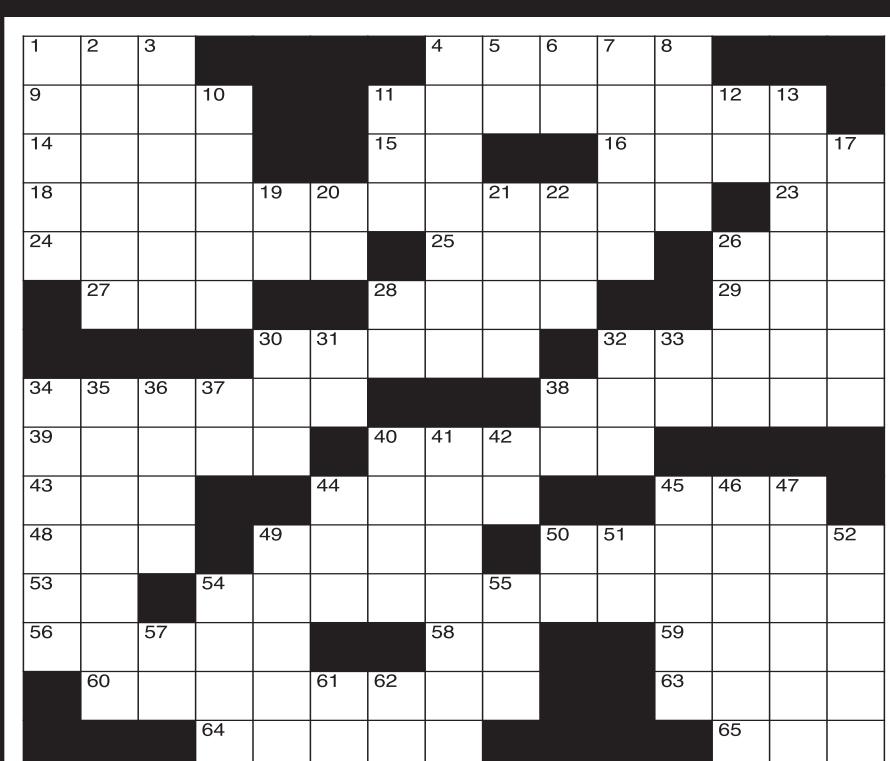
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DENNIS D. O’DELL

1941-2015

Dennis Damian O’Dell, 73, of Riviera Drive, Agawam, died Sunday, Jan. 11, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He was born in Detroit, Mich., June 29, 1941, to the late Benjamin and Kathleen O’Dell. He grew up in the Detroit area and graduated from St. Cecilia High School. He settled in Agawam six years ago. He managed the shipping and receiving departments of several auto-related companies in the Detroit area. Dennis was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. He leaves his beloved brothers, Benjamin and Donald O’Dell, and his loving nephew, Christopher O’Dell, all of Agawam. All funeral services will be private and the burial will be at the convenience of the family. Toomey-O’Brien Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of one’s choice.



CLUES ACROSS

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9. Yellow edible Indian fruit	43. Mined mineral	6. Execute or perform	35. Marched in a procession
11. Storefront coverings	44. Greek god of war	7. Narrative poems	36. Patchy in color
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18. D. Tarr’s third novel	50. Special Spanish dish	12. For instance	41. Develops into
23. Three-toed sloth	53. Atomic #46	13. Members of U.S. Navy	42. Equally
24. Gained through effort	54. CBS This Morning hostess	17. Crown	44. 4th month (abbr.)
25. Macaw’s genus	56. Rubber tree genus	19. Old English	45. Nervous & taut
26. Helps little firms	58. Pa’s partner	20. Libyan dinar	46. Emits blood
27. A large group of pheasants	59. A tiny bubble in glass	21. Goddess of the rainbow	47. Assert without proof
28. Baby bed	60. Lost light	22. Catch	49. Saturates in liquid
29. English dictionary (abbr.)	63. Surface boundary	26. Fern spore mass clusters	50. No. Italian river
30. Yellow-fever mosquitos	64. Islands	31. ___, denotes past specification	51. Article
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34. Add a supplement			54. Filippo __, Saint
38. Insistence on traditional correctness			55. Begetter
			57. Old Dominion state
			61. Raised railroad track
			62. Point midway between N and E

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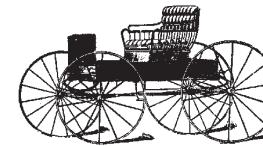


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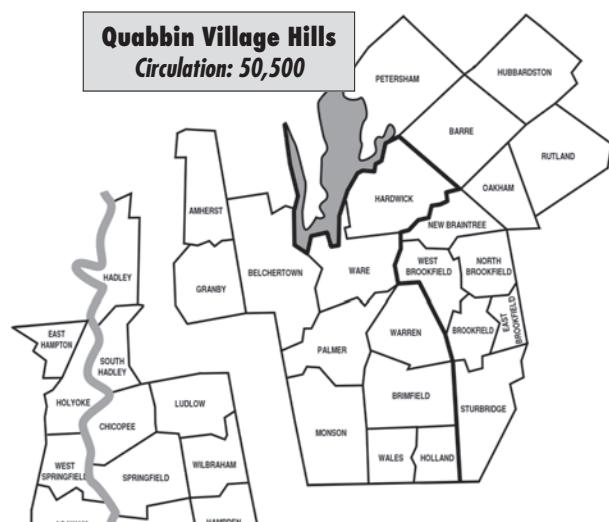
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OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote "free" events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Sunday, Jan. 18

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Arch Battista and Diane Huot, focusing on "Norman Rockwell's World: Reinterpreting the American Tradition in the 21st Century." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public.

THE GFWC AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center and is open to the public. The installation of new officers will take place, followed by social gathering at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Christina Beauchemin, membership chairperson, at 413-427-8784.

Thursday, Jan. 22

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "The Origami Renaissance: How Paper Folding and Math Influence Each Other," featuring Thomas Hull, associate professor of math at WNEU, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Diane Lipari, soprano, Kimberly Figueroa on flute and Miguel Campinho on piano, at 10:30 a.m. Free refreshments. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.

Friday, Feb. 6

THE ACC APPLAUSE SERIES will focus on the fashions of the Regency Period, and Jane Austen's literature in particular at 7 p.m. when Haddam Stage Company Artistic Director Kandie Carle will present "Fashion in Fiction: Clothing Speaks Volumes in Jane Austen's Novels" at the Agawam Public Library.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, will hold an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

ONGOING

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6

to 7:30 p.m., Agawam Senior Center conference room. A light dinner is served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

A BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:15 p.m. at office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Thursday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

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